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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted herewith from a German Patent Office Action from the parallel German application 198 60 111.5 of which priority is claimed are 2 listed references, namely DE 196 16 077 (for relevance see Figs. and construction of the stator with stator sheets and an opening for receiving the rotor), and DE 195 39 138 (for relevance see Fig. 3b). Copies of both of these references are enclosed.

An International Search Report 3 pages PCT/ISA/210) by the EPO European Patent Office as the international searching authority from the international application lists 7 cited references. The references cited in the International Search Report are believed to have been transmitted to the PTO by the International Bureau (PCT/IB/308). In the event this is not the situation please inform attorney and copies of these references will be filed.

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column, "Zusammenfassung" means abstract or summary and "Betr. Anspruch Nr." means concerning claim no. For relevance of the references/documents please refer to the International Search Report (copy enclosed) setting forth the relevance of the references. Further since the 2 US patents, the WO publication and the Japanese Abstracts are in English no further concise explanation should be required.

One PTO-1449 form is presented to list all 9 references disclosed in the International Search Report and the German Office Action. Translation of the foreign language references are not available to the undersigned. This submission meets the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98(a) and MPEP 609.

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